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SUMMARY. GOS IS MOUNTING MAJOR DIPLOMATIC AND PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN, INCLUDING OAU AND UNSC PERM MEMBERS, TO FOCUS WORLD OPINION ON WHAT NIMEIRI REGIME SEES AS THREAT CROSS-BORDER INVILTRATION BY SUDANESE EXILES IN ETHIOPIA WITH SUPPORT EPMG AND LARG. EVINDENTLY NO SINGLE MAJOR NEW DEVELOPMENT RESPONSIBLE. RATHER ACCUMULATION SCATTERED REPORTS HAS MADE REGIME FEEL BIT CONFIDENTIAL

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BELEAGUERED. NIMEIRI PUBLIC WARNINGS THUS DESIGNED PREVENT SERIOUS TROUBLE.S STILL JUMPU FOLLOWING LAST SUMMER'S ABORTIVE LIBYAN-BACKED COUP ATTEMPT, GOS APPARENTLY OPERATION ON BASIS OUNCE OF PREVENTION WOTH POUND OF CURE. END SUMMARY.

1. NIMEIRI'S KEY FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR, MANSOUR KHALID, SUMMONED ME JAN 4 TO DISCUSS BACKGROUND PRESIDENT'S RENEWED ACCUSA-

TIONS AGAINST EPMG (KHARTOUM 005). HE EMPHASIZED NO SINGLE RECENT DEVELOPMENT PROMPTED NIMEIRI'S PUBLIC CONCERN, NOR WAS THERE REASON FOR SUDANESE OR OTHERS "TO PANIC", BUT GOS WERE TAKING ALL PRECAUTIONS. NIMEIRI WOULD HIMSELF BE ISSUING PUBLIC STATEMENT IN DAY OR TWO DESIGNED MAKE SITUATION CLEAR.

2. KHALID THEN MADE TWO POINTS: (A) GOS BELIEVES INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE STAND ON A SITUATION SUCH AS CONTINUED ENCOURAGEMENT BEING GIVEN TO SUDANESE EXILES BY ETHIOPIA AND LIBYA; AND (B) GOS DESIRES DRAW ATTENTION PERMANENT MEMBERS UNSC TO FACT THAT CROSS-BORDER ATTACK WOULD BE CONTRARY TERMS OF UNGA RESOLUTION RE DEFINITION OF AGGRESSION ADOPTED TWO YEARS AGO. SUDAN IS, ACCORDINGLY, SENDING MESSAGE TO OAU CHAIRMAN RAMGOOLAM AND IS BRIEFING ALL REPRESENTATIVES PERMANENT MEMBERS UNSC IN KHARTOUM (BRITISH AMB WAS WAITING AS I LEFT). SUDAN WILL NOT HESITATE TO RESORT TO HOT PURSUIT IF NEEDED TO DEAL WITH CROSS-BORDER INFILTRATION.

3. IN SUBSEQUENT SOMEWHAT DIFFUSE DISCUSSION, I SOUGHT ESTABLISH PRECISELY WHAT HAD HAPPENED, OR MIGHT HAPPEN, WHICH WOULD CAUSE THIS LEVEL GOS CONCERN. KHALID DESCRIBED IN GENERAL TERMS WHAT HE SAID WERE RECENT LIBYAN EFFORTS CONVEY ARMS, DERIVED FROM USSR, EITHER DIRECTLY TO ETHIOPIA FOR USE EXILED SUDANESE ANSAR, OR INDIRECTLY VIA PDRY. WHEREAS LAST JULY EPMG ROLE HAD BEEN ESSENTIALLY PASSIVE, ETHIOPIAN GOVT WAS NOW "IN IT IN FULL SWING". SURPRISINGLY, KHALID ADMITTED GOS HAD ITSELF BEEN BEHIND TWO ATTACKS ON ANSAR CAMPS IN METEMA AND HUMERA AREAS IN

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NOVEMBER, "USING ELEMENTS INSIDE ETHIOPIA". AS RESULT, CAMPS HAVE BEEN MOVED FURTHER FROM FRONTIER BUT ARMING WAS PROCEEDING WITH MORE SOPHISTICATED WEAPONRY. FULL PRECAUTIONS AGAINST INFILTRATION HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN IN GEDAREF AREA AND SIMILAR MEASURES NOW BEING UNDERTAKEN IN KURMUK REGION SOUTH OF ROSEIRES ON BLUE NILE. KHALID CLAIMED, HOWEVER, THERE NO ANSAR CAMPS OUTSIDE OF GOJJAM (CF PARA 3 ADDIS 12643, NOTAL).

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4. SOMEWHAT AS AFTERTHOUGHT, KHALID SAID THERE HAD BEEN NEW DEVELOPMENT SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, HE THOUGHT PERHAPS IN EARLY DECEMBER, DURING REGULAR MEETING LIBYAN SOCIALIST UNION IN TRIPOLI. QADHAFI HAD APPEARED AT CLOSED MEETING LIMITED TO TEN LIBYANS AND SEVERAL NON-LIBYANS, NOTABLY SADIQ AL-MAHDI. QADHAFI HAD TOLD GROUP THAT LIBYAN SUPPORT FOR LAST JULY'S COUP ATTEMPT HAD NEARLY SUCCEEDED AND THAT THIS SHOWED WHAT SIGNIFICANT CAPABILITIES LARG POSSESSED IN THIS FIELD. HE INTENDED TO DO MORE. KHALID INTERPOLATED THAT LARG HAD TAKEN DECISION TO PROVIDE MORE SOPHISTICATED ARMS TO HELP EXILED ANSAR IN ETHIOPIA, AND HAD AT SOME UNSPECIFIED STAGE ENLISTED ETHIOPIAN COOPERATION IN FURTHER EFFORT OVERTHROW NIMEIRI REGIME. CONFIDENTIAL

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BOTH SADIQ AND HIS ASSOCIATE HUSSEIN AL-HINDI HAD VISITED ETHIOPIA "CONTINUOUSLY" IN PAST FEW MONTHS. AGAIN ADMITTING NOT MUCH HAD SO FAR OCCURRED, KHALID EMPHASIZED SUDAN WANTS TO NIP IN BUD ANY NEW ATTEMPT CREATE INTERNAL TROUBLE. I NOTED ETHIOPIANS HAD ALREADY EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT NIMEIRI'S GEDAREF SPEECH (ADDIS 12643 NOTAL) AND THAT SOME SIMILAR REACTION COULD BE EXPECTED RECUR. WHERE WOULD SUCH CYCLE OF EXCHANGES PUBLIC POLEMICS LEAD? ON PERSONAL BASIS, I EXPRESSED HOPE ISSUE COULD BE MOVED FROM PUBLIC ARENA TO PRIVATE CHANNELS IN WHICH ATTEMPT COULD

BE MADE REVERSE PRESENT TREND. NIMEIRI'S OWN REFERENCE AT KADUGLI TO NEED FOR GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS SEEMED IMPORTANT FOR SUDANESE DEVELOPMENT. KHALID AGREED BUT SAID THAT, WHEN GOS HAD SENT PRIVATE EMISSARY ABDULLAHI AL-HASSAN AL-KHIDIR TO ADDIS IN EARLY NOVEMBER, EPMG HAD BLANDLY DENIED ALL WRONG-DOING. MOREOVER MOFA ADDIS STATEMENT DEC 28 HAD CONTAINED NO DENIAL THAT ARMS BEING FURNISHED ANSAR CAMPS. I REPLIED THAT WE HAD SEEN NOTHING HERE WHICH WOULD WARRANT DEGREE OF CONCERN IMPLIED IN NIMEIRI'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS BUT I KNEW WASHINGTON WOULD CAREFULLY EXAMINE KHALID'S COMMENTS. KHALID CONFIRMED NEW SUDANESE AMB IN ADDIS BEING RECALLED FOR CONSULTATIONS BUT WAS UNAWARE WHETHER HE HAD PRESENTED HIS LETTERS.

5. COMMENT. WHILE NIMEIRI OBVIOUSLY INTENDED PUT EPMG ON PUBLIC NOTICE THAT INFILTRATION WOULD BE SEVERELY DEALT WITH, INCLUDING HOT PURSUIT, KHALID'S COMMENTS EG NOT SUGGEST THAT GOS POSSESSES DETAILED INTELLIGENCE RE EARLY NEW OPERATIONS THIS TYPE OR INTENDS ADDITIONAL STRIKES ON ITS OWN. IN FACT, APPROACH SEEMS DESIGNED CALL MAXIMUM ATTENTION TO PROBLEM IN ADVANCE IN HOPE ETHIOPIANS CAN BE INDUCED CONTROL ANSAR WITHIN THEIR TERRITORY. DEPT WILL RECALL THAT SIMILAR PUBLIC REACTION AGAINST ETHIOPIAN OVERFLIGHTS EARLY LAST YEAR SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED BY SUSPENSION SUCH ACTIVITY, NIMEIRI, WHO CAN ILL AFFORD INSTANCES OF SABOTAGE, ASSASSINATION OR COUP ATTEMPTS (SUCH AS REGIME EVIDENTLY FEARS FROM LAST SUMMER'S PROTAGONISTS),
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